आदि के उपबंधों को इन अधिनियम के अधीन समुचित प्राधिकारी द्वारा प्रवर्तित किया जाता है और उसके द्वारा निर्धारित मजदूरी की अदायगी को सुनिश्चित किया जाता है।

Non Payment of Statutory dues to workers of PSUs

2569. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-payment of statutory dues amounting to Rs. 1,000 crores to workers of several sick Public Sector Undertakings for long periods has been reported;

(b) if so, the details of non-paid amount, PSU-wise as on 31st July, 1997;

(c) whether Government propose to take some measures for early payment of these statutory dues to the workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Based on the information available from the major Ministries/Departments having administrative charge of various CPSU's the total outstanding arrears on non-payment of wages and other statutory dues to the workers of various CPSUs as on 30-9-96 amounted to Rs. 925.61 crores. This amount declined to Rs. 604.7 crores as on 31-7-97.

(c) and (d) A note on non-payment of statutory dues to the employees of CPSUs was prepared and placed before the Cabinet on 19-7-97. The Cabinet appointed a Sub-Committee comprising Minister of Agriculture as Chairman of the Committee, Minister of Finance and Minister of State for Labour as members to further consider the issue.

North-East Labour Minister's Conference

2570. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR bt pleased to state:

(a) whether the North-east Labour Ministers' Conference was organised at Shilong in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with the objectives and the names of States which participated;

(c) whether some suggestions on optimum use of existing facilities for better human resource training in the North-east was emphasised;

(d) whether the Conference regretted that very few Industrial Training Institutes exit in Private Sector in the Region;

(e) whether Government propose to set-up I.T.Is, with 100 per cent grant, in the region to develop the workforce; and

(f) if so, the number of such Institutes to be set-up in Assam, with their locations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir. The Conference of Labour Ministers of North Eastern States was held on 18th July, 1997 at Sillong.

(b) The Conference discussed the following subjects in respect of North Eastern States:

(i) Vocational training facilities available and the gaps in these facilities that need to be bridged;

(ii) EPF and ESIC schemes being implemented for labour in the states of the region;

(iii) Labour Welfare schemes being implemented for labour in the states of the region;

(iv) The programme of workers education being undertaken in the states in the region;

(v) Labour enforcement in the states of the region; and

(vi) The problem of child labour in the states in the region and child labour projects undertaken in the states.

Representatives of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram Nagaland and Tripura participated in the Conference.

(c) to (f) The Conference recognised the need for augmenting the vocational training facilities in the area. Industrial training institutes are established by the concerned State Governments and also by private individuals and organisations. At present no scheme for establishing such ITIs by the Central Government is under implementation. However a total of 164 ITIs for Women are being assisted by the Central Government under the World Bank assisted Project of which 6 ITIs are in the North Eastern States, 5 of them being in Assam. In addition the Regional Vocational Training Institute (RVTI) for Women has been set up at Tura in Meghalaya.

Method study of the training and employment directorates

2571. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2113 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th August, 1996 and state:

(a) what is the procedure prescribed for rejecting recommendations of Method Study of the Training and Employment Directorates conducted by the Ministry of Finance;

(b) whether any action has been taken to conduct fufrther studies;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when further studies would be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (d) The findings of the Staff Inspection Unit (SIU) contained in their final reports are regarded as mandatory and have to be implemented by the concerned Ministry/Department within the prescribed period of 3 months. However, where the Secretary/Head of the Department feels strongly that the staff assessment mad by the SIU is unworkable, the differences over assessment made by SIU are required to be examined for a final decision by a committee consisting of Secretary (Expenditure (as Chairman), Secretary (Personnel) and Secretary of the Administrative Ministry.

The SIU have not yet issued a final report on Method Study for Training and Employment Directorates. They had submitted tentative reports on Work Measurement and Method Study of the Training and Employment Directorates. These reports are being studied and require further discussions between the SIU and the Directorate General of Employment and Training. Thereafter the SIU will give its final report.

देश में बाल श्रमिक

2572. श्री ईश दत्त यादव :
श्री रामबोपाल यादव :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कुल कितने बाल श्रमिक कार्यरत हैं तथा सबसे अधिक बाल श्रमिक किन-किन राज्यों में हैं और किन-किन उद्योग में कार्यरत हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार सभी तरह के उद्योगों में बाल श्रमिकों से काम कराने